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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW, a Senator from the State of Michigan.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Lord, we read the Bible and there it is: the persistently repeated admonition to give thanks. We know You well enough to know that You do not need the assurance of our gratitude. Surely, the need for thanksgiving must have something to do with our spiritual health. The psalmist said, "O Lord my God, I will give thanks to You forever."—Psalm 30:12. In this life and in heaven, forever is a long time. Paul said, "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God for you."—1 Thess. 5:18.

In everything, Lord? Suddenly we know the secret. Thanksgiving is the memory of the heart. We have great memories of Your faithfulness. They become cherished memories as we tell You how grateful we are, not only for Your blessings, but, for You. We say with Joyce Kilmer, "Thank God for God!"

Most important of all, we know that when we thank You for all Your good gifts, the growth of false pride is stunted. And when we can thank You even for the rough and tough things in life, we really can let go of our control and trust You to bring good out of the most distressing things. And so, we give thanks! And we praise You for the Senators here who will be casting their votes today. Thank You for the privilege of living in this democracy. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD.)

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 21, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW, a Senator from the State of Michigan, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Ms. STABENOW thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Madam President, we have a vote that will occur immediately on the Murray amendment. The managers and leaders hope others will offer amendments today. We will have the opportunity to do that. This will be the last vote of the day.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of S. 2514, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2514) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Murray/Snowe amendment No. 3927, to restore a previous policy regarding restrictions on use of Department of Defense facilities.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, Senator SANTORUM consulted with me yesterday at great length about his desire not to have this vote today. He wished to be present. He had to be absent for valid reasons.

I want to state for the record that were the Senator from Pennsylvania, Mr. SANTORUM, present, he would vote in the negative.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT NO. 3927

Mr. REID. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there a sufficient second? There is a sufficient second.

The question is on agreeing to the amendment. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) are necessarily absent.

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG), the Senator from Texas (Mr. GRAMM), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS), the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM), and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) are necessarily absent.

I further announce that if present and voting the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) would each vote "no."

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

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